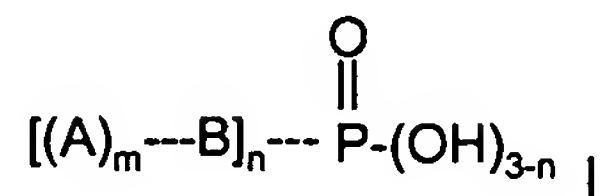


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In the claims:

1. **(original)** A phosphoric acid ester and salts thereof of the general formula I,



wherein

**A** is a monohydroxyl residue derived from

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkyl-(AO)<sub>x</sub>-OH or Acyl-(AO)<sub>x</sub>-OH; or

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkyl -(AO)<sub>x</sub>-(HA)<sub>y</sub>-OH or Acyl-(AO)<sub>x</sub>-(HA)<sub>y</sub>-OH; or

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>-alkyl -(AO)<sub>x</sub>-(AA-AO)<sub>y</sub>-OH or Acyl-(AO)<sub>x</sub>-(AA-AO)<sub>y</sub>-OH; or

MO -(HA)<sub>y</sub>-OH or MO-(AA-AO)<sub>y</sub>-OH; wherein

Acyl is an aromatic carboxylic acid residue or a saturated or unsaturated fatty acid residue;

AO is a polyC<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyleneglycol residue,

HA is a hydroxycarboxylic acid or a lactone thereof,

AA is a dicarboxylic acid,

MO is a monoalcohol,

x is 1 to 250,

y is 1 to 250,

**B** is a mono-, di-, tri- or polyhydroxy di-, tri- or multi-carboxylic acid residue which is linked via the hydroxy group to the phosphoric acid and via one of the carboxylic acid groups to the monohydroxyl residue [A], the remaining carboxylic acid group(s) is/are free or is/are esterified with a further monohydroxyl residue [A], resulting in branched esters;

n is 1-2;

m is 1-4.

2. **(currently amended)** A phosphoric acid ester according to claim 1, wherein B has at least one free carboxylic acid group and a non- branching center.

3. **(original)** A phosphoric acid ester according to claim 1, wherein the free carboxylic acid group(s) of B is/are fully esterified.

4. **(original)** A phosphoric acid ester according to claim 1, wherein B has at least one free carboxylic acid group and at least one free carboxylic acid group is esterified.

5. **(currently amended)** A phosphoric acid ester according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein B is malic acid or citric acid.

6. **(currently amended)** A phosphoric acid ester according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein

Acyl is a saturated or unsaturated fatty acid residue;

AO is a polyC<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkyleneglycol residue;

HA is ε-caprolactone or δ-valerolactone;

AA is a dicarboxylic acid;

MO is a monoalcohol having 4 to 30 carbon atoms ~~[[is]]~~ in the alkyl chain,

x is 2 to 50,

y is 2 to 50.

7. **(currently amended)** A mixture of a phosphoric acid ester according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 with a phosphoric acid ester of polyC<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkylene glycolmonoethers in ~~[[wt]]~~ weight ratio of 0.01 to 99.99 ~~;~~ ; ~~preferably 10 to 90, more preferably 50 to 50.~~

8. **(currently amended)** ~~The use of~~ A dispersant comprising a phosphoric acid ester of the formula I or salts thereof according to claim 1, ~~any one of claims 1 to 6 or of a mixture according to claim 7 as~~ dispersant.

9. **(currently amended)** ~~The use of~~ A sheet moulding compound (SMC) system or bulk moulding compound (BMC) system comprising a phosphoric acid ester of the formula I or salts thereof according to claim 1. ~~in the production of sheet moulding compounds (SMC) or bulk moulding compounds (BMC).~~

10. **(currently amended)** ~~The use of~~ A water- or solvent-based coating or printing ink comprising a phosphoric acid ester of the formula I or salts thereof according to claim 1 in the production of water- and solvent-based coatings and printing inks.

11. **(new)** A mixture of a phosphoric acid esters according claim 7, wherein the weight ratio of phosphoric acid ester of formula 1 according to claim 1 to a phosphoric acid ester of polyC<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkylene glycolmonoethers is 10 to 90.

12. **(new)** A mixture of a phosphoric acid esters according claim 7, wherein the weight ratio of phosphoric acid ester of formula 1 according to claim 1 to a phosphoric acid ester of polyC<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkylene glycolmonoethers is 50 to 50.

13. **(new)** A dispersant comprising a mixture according to claim 7.